GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:249
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008
ILLEGAL BANGLADESHI MIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Bangladeshis who entered the country legally/illegally are unlawfully settled in India;

(b) if so,the details thereof,State-wise;

(c) whether the illegal Bangladeshi settlers/foreign nationals are involved in crimes/dacoities/terrorist activities/bomb blasts/drugs and arms peddling;

(d) if so,the total number of such persons against whom cases have been registered/convicted/jailed during each of the last three years and the current year,crime-wise, State-wise;

(e) the total number of such illegal migrants deported during the said period,year-wise and State-wise;

(f) whether the police of various States including Delhi Police have shown their inability to deport the illegal settlers;

(g) if so,the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the officials responsible; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government to check such illegal immigrations and infiltrations into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRI PRAKASH JAISAWAL)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.249 FOR 16.12.2008 REGARDING "ILLEGAL BANGLADESHI MIGRANTS"

(a) & (b): India's long and porous border with Bangladesh, geographical proximity,family ties and ethnic similarity, coupled with better economic opportunities in India have resulted in illegal migration from Bangladesh. In addition, some Bangladeshi nationals,who enter India with valid travel documents, also tend to overstay for similar reasons.While it is not possible to indicate the number of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants who may have crossed over surreptitiously, the number of Bangladeshi nationals who came on valid travel documents and overstayed during the last three years is indicated below :-

Year	No. of Bangladeshi nationals who came to India on valid travel documents	No. of Bangladeshi nationals who overstayed
2005	4,85,640	12,338
2006	4,84,401	24,497
2007	5,00,234	25,712

(The data is year specific)
(c) & (d): Violation of the law and involvement in illegal activities by foreign nationals, including illegal immigrants,cannot be ruled out.Registration of cases and action thereon comes within the purview of police stations and State Governments concerned.Statistical data of this nature is not centrally maintained.

(e): As per information available,the Bangladeshi nationals who came on valid travel documents, overstayed and were thereafter deported during the last three years is indicated below :-

2005 - 14,916

2006 - 13,692

2007 - 12,135

(The data is year specific)

The detection,arrest and deportation of illegal immigrants is a continuing process.

(f) & (g): No,Sir.Does not arise.

(h): Central Government is vested with the powers to deport a foreign national under section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act,1946.These powers to identify and deport illegally staying foreign nationals have also been delegated to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.The procedure for the detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants has also been set out and circulated to State Governments/UT Administrations who are implementing the same on a continuous basis.

Initiatives taken to check such illegal immigration and infiltrations from Bangladesh include:-

(i) Construction of border roads, border fencing & flood lighting.

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the borders by Border Security Force (BSF) patrols (both land and riverine).

(iii) Setting up of 1185 border outposts of which 802 outposts have already been established.

(iv) Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including night vision devices,etc.

(v) Developing arrangements with the Government of Bangladesh to undertake coordinated management of borders,especially where fencing is incomplete or not feasible.